

SHOTGUN METHOD USED BY FARMER

Despondent Over Loss of Tobacco Crop, He Takes His Own Life.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
AMHERST, Va., December 12.—Mr. James T. Jennings, a prominent citizen of Paducah District, in this county, committed suicide at his home, near Paducah Mills, yesterday. He discharged a shotgun at his head, which resulted in instant death. Despondency over the loss of his tobacco crop last summer by a hailstorm is supposed to have been the cause of the act. He was over sixty years of age, a school trustee for Paducah District, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. His remains will be buried at the family burying-ground to-morrow.

AFTER JUDGESHIP.

Prize Seems to Be Between W. J. Adams and R. B. Redwine.
RALEIGH, N. C., December 12.—Governor Glenn devoted several hours to-day to hearing delegations from the Eighth Judicial District relative to the appointment of a successor to Hon. Walter H. Neal, of Scotland county, as Superior Court Judge of that district. Max L. Johns, of Scotland county, and U. L. Spence, of Moore county, headed a delegation in the interest of W. J. Adams, of Carthage, and R. B. Redwine, of Monroe, headed a delegation in the interest of R. B. Redwine, of Monroe. These are the two candidates now in the race, and the appointment will go to one or the other.

Hon. A. M. Stack has been mentioned, and there came to the Governor quite a number of letters and telegrams urging his appointment, but a letter came this morning from Mr. Stack saying that he was not a candidate, and did not desire the appointment.

Bon Air Social News.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BON AIR, Va., December 12.—Rev. Mr. Daugherty, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will hold services Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Dr. John A. Bransford, of Augusta, Ga., is here at his summer home, "Stony Point."

Miss Marion Montague and Miss Agnes Horner, of Richmond, were week-end guests of Mrs. F. V. Withers, Mrs. Miller McCue, of Richmond, was recently the guest of Mrs. Clara Bridgeforth.

Miss Jessie McKenny, of Washington, D. C., was the guest last week of Mrs. J. E. Clark, Jr.

Mrs. E. M. Rogers was the guest Tuesday of Mrs. T. P. L. Cooke.

Burlington Social News.

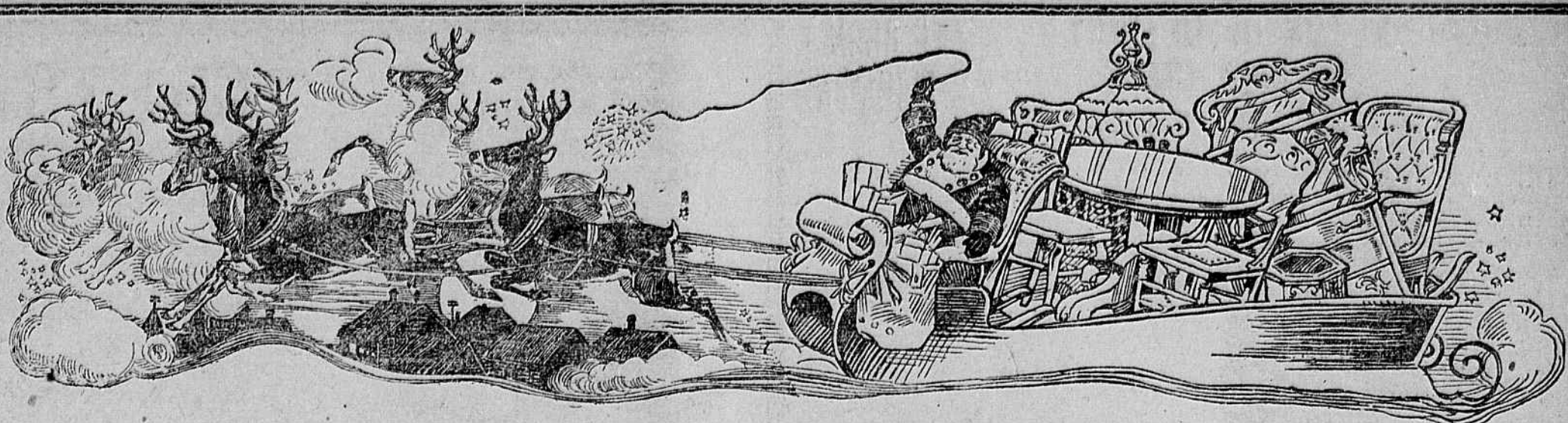
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BURLINGTON, N. C., December 12.—An entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holt Wednesday evening by the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Athanasius Episcopal Church.

B. M. Bates, of Tallahassee, Fla., is a visitor here this week.

Mrs. James N. Williamson, Jr., and son Saunders, left for Richmond, where she goes to have an operation performed on Saunders for throat trouble.

CAMPAIGN IS THROAT.

Governor Glenn Will Take Hand in Last Days' Fight.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., December 12.—The campaign for the local option election to be held Monday will close Sunday night, when Governor Robert B. Glenn



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of North Carolina, will address a mass meeting of men at the Academy of Music. At the same time Rev. J. D. McAllister, field secretary of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, will address a union meeting of women.

Monday women will conduct prayer meetings, both morning and evening. Free lunches will be dispensed near the polls by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Bible Class Formed.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WAVELEY, Va., December 12.—Rev. H. E. Rountree, pastor of the Waverly Christian Church, has completed the organization of the Acory Adult Bible Class. With the completion of this work the Rev. Mr. Rountree was chosen as leader, together with the following officers: J. E. Moss, president and assistant teacher; B. E. Live, vice-president; H. W. Arnold, Jr., secretary; J. P. Baird, assistant secretary; W. T. Daniel, treasurer, and A. T. Rountree, assistant treasurer.

Moonslayers Captured.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDLING, Va., December 12.—Deputy Marshal M. P. Colley, with a posse, made a raid on a party of moonshiners who were operating a distillery in Cumberland Mountain Thursday night. Hiram Reed, George Mills and John Vance were placed under

arrest. Two of three others made their escape. Reed and Mills gave bond for their appearance at trial, but Vance, who is a Kentuckian, had no one to go on his bond, so he was placed in jail.

Call Is Opposed.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, Va., December 12.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Lexington held in the pastor's study of the Lexington Presbyterian Church December 11th, the call extended by the Leesburg and Farmwell Churches in Loudoun county to the Rev. Henry Miller, pastor of Bethesda Church at Rockbridge Baths, was considered. The presbytery declined to place the call in Mr. Miller's hands because of the strenuous opposition by his present congregation.

Arm Broken in Game.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., December 12.—Philip Parker, sixteen, while playing football this afternoon at West End Park, had an arm broken during a mix-up with his companions.

A Great Revival.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WATTSVILLE, Va., December 12.—Last night Evangelist George H. Wiley closed a notable revival here, the best

in years. Mr. Wiley has preached at four churches in this community, preaching a week at each of the following places: Baptist Church at Horns, Methodist Church at Horns, Protestant Church here and New Church.

Charters Issued.
RALEIGH, N. C., December 12.—The Southern Manufacturers' Club Company, Charlotte, received a charter to-day for the purpose of providing a club home, the corporation having authority to purchase or otherwise acquire real estate and do any and all other things not contrary to the general North Carolina corporation law. The capital is \$100,000 authorized, preferred and common stock, the latter to not exceed \$5,000. The incorporators are R. M. Miller, Jr., A. J. Draper and T. C. Guthrie.

Another charter is to the Hancock Grocery Company, Winston-Salem, capital \$125,000, by S. D. Hancock, W. C. Womble, E. B. Josey.

Dr. Birdsong Indicted.
HAZELHURST, MISS., December 12.—Dr. Thomas Birdsong, slayer of Dr. A. B. Pitts, was indicted at a special session of the grand jury, convened by Judge Potter. Homer Smith, who was charged with being an accessory, was given his liberty. The Birdsong case will be placed on trial next week.

LITTLE GIRL IS SHOT TO DEATH

Careless Boy With Loaded Gun Has the Usual Result.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 11.—Elizabeth Keller Merrick, eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Merrick, was shot and instantly killed by Luther Andrews, fourteen years old, while the pair, with other children were playing under a shed near their home in South Norfolk yesterday afternoon. Andrews and a boy named Jones, armed with single barreled guns, pointed the weapons at several girls with the usual childish threat to shoot.

Andrews' weapon was discharged, the contents lodging under the right shoulder of Elizabeth Merrick, penetrating her lungs. She dropped to the sidewalk, dying instantly.

Andrews was held in \$500 bond after a coroner's jury had declared the tragedy was the result of gross carelessness.

Boy Is Acquitted.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 12.—Luther Andrews, Jr., aged fourteen years, who shot and killed Elizabeth K. Merrick, aged eleven years, in South Norfolk last evening while returning from a gunning trip, was acquitted upon a preliminary hearing to-day before Magistrates Humphries and Young.

Andrews declared that he stumbled his toe and that his gun exploded. The jury in discharging the boy, warned him against handling guns in the future.

Montana in Dry-Dock.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., December 12.—The new United States armored cruiser Montana, which this afternoon placed in the new stone dry-dock at the Norfolk navy yard for attention below the water line, including draining and repainting and adjustment of her sea valves. While in the dock a new set of propellers, with a slightly different pitch, will be put in place of those now on her shafts.

Oil Refinery Destroyed.
MEXICO CITY, MEX., December 12.—The large oil refinery of S. P. Pardo & Sons at Minatlan, Isthmus of Tehuantepec, was partially destroyed by fire, according to a dispatch from that place. An explosion of gases caused the fire. No estimate of the loss is given.

Oyster Season Dull.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 12.—The oyster season is said to be duller now than for many years past at this season. Vessel loads are lying at different ports and cannot be sold even at low prices. This is attributable to a great extent to the cold weather which has been prevailing.

Thompson-Skidmore.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 12.—Miss Addie L. Skidmore, of this city, and Paul V. Thompson, of Washington, were married yesterday at Annapolis, Md. Rev. George W. Miller, pastor of First Methodist Church, in that city, performed the ceremony. They will reside in Washington.

Kills Two Deer.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, Va., December 12.—George E. Orndorff, a wealthy lumber dealer, while hunting near Capon Bridge yesterday, killed two out of three deer which he came upon suddenly in the woods. He brought down a deer with each barrel of his gun.

Chimes Installed.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DURHAM, N. C., December 12.—The magnificent new Memorial Methodist Church, of this city, recently completed at a cost of about \$150,000, had the first set of chimes installed in the State, and this evening at 7 o'clock the installation concert began. The program was a varied one of songs and choral selections. These concerts will run through Sunday morning, afternoon and night.

His Gun Exploded.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., December 12.—While gunning in Nansemond county to-day, Watmaugh Lassiter, aged fifteen years, had an arm badly lacerated by an explosion of his gun. Much of the flesh was torn from the bones, which, however, were not fractured.

Falls Down Stairs.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, Va., December 12.—John E. Gibson, eighty-four years old, while carrying an armful of wood upstairs this morning, lost his balance and fell backwards, striking on the back of his head and fracturing the skull. It is thought he cannot recover.

Improving the Farms.
Wonderful Progress Has Been Made in Few Years.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—Dr. Jav A. Bonsteel, of the United States Bureau of Soils, in an address before the Southern Commercial Congress on the subject of "The Soil Resources of the Southern States," among other things, said: "Throughout the entire Piedmont region of Alabama, Georgia, South and North Carolina and Virginia the rapid development of manufacturing based upon the water-powers of that section, has caused exceptional growth in the population of manufacturing towns. It was my privilege recently to in-

vestigate some of these growing cities in their relationship to agricultural development. I found that not more than 25 per cent of the meat and not more than 15 per cent of the dairy products consumed in the State where these towns are located. Throughout the Piedmont region of all of these States there is almost an unlimited opportunity for increasing the dairy industry the production of meat for home consumption and the raising of vegetables and fruits for the nearby city trade."

Adams Wins.
RALEIGH, N. C., December 12.—The contest for appointment as Superior Court judge for the Eighth Judicial District, to succeed Walter H. Neal resigned, resulted in a commission being issued by Governor Glenn to W. J. Adams, of Carthage. The new judge is a successful lawyer and has served in the State Legislature. He is about forty years old.

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Shopping Bags,
Opera Bags,
Vanity Bags,
Pocket-Books,
Card Cases,
Coin Purses,
Wallets,
Bill Folds,
Bill Rolls,

Toilet Sets,
Music Rolls,
Music Satchels,
Manicure Sets,
Cigar Sets,
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